

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I should like to submit the following report of the events occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

I was on duty in the Auto Theft Bureau beginning at 8:00 a.m. I was told to stand by in the office until further notice. At approximately 11:45 a.m. all members of our bureau on duty, except the desk man, went to the basement of the City Hall and waited in the corridor just outside the jail office.

About fifteen minutes later the prisoner was brought down to the jail office and we heard he was being brought through the office. At this time I closed the double doors and held them, not allowing anyone through these doors as he was escorted out the door of the booking office.

I could see the prisoner for a few seconds through the doors glass partition. At this time I heard a shot, but could not see the prisoner or the person who fired the shot. The photographers in the corridor behind me had to make their pictures through the glass. Then the prisoner was taken back into the booking office until the ambulance arrived and he was placed in it with officers escorting him.

I did not see the man who fired the shot because he was hustled out of sight into the jail office and elevator. I did not see the man before or after the shot was fired, but heard the name Jack Ruby called out as the man who shot the prisoner.

I was told by Captain Jones to remain on this door until relieved and check everyone who entered or exited for their credentials, as Press Photographers, Press Reporters, and authorized Police and City of Dallas civilian personnel on duty. I was relieved about thirty minutes later by Lieutenant R. S. Pierce who said I could return to my office.

Respectfully submitted,

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